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CHAPTER 203

## **HOUSE BILL 2435**

AN ACT

PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES TO CONSTRUCT A LEASE-TO-OWN SOUTHERN ARIZONA VETERANS' HOME FACILITY.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. <u>Lease-to-own southern Arizona veterans' home</u>
<u>facility; procedures; taxation</u>

- A. Pursuant to section 41-603, subsection C, Arizona Revised Statutes, and any other authority, the director of the department of veterans' services may enter into a lease-to-own transaction with a private entity for the construction, occupancy and ownership by this state of a veterans' home facility located in southern Arizona. This transaction may provide for:
- 1. The lease to the private entity of state property necessary for the construction of the veterans' home facility and related infrastructure for the term of the lease-to-own transaction.
- 2. The construction to this state's specifications of the veterans' home facility and related infrastructure.
- 3. The lease of the completed veterans' home facility and related infrastructure by this state for an extended term of years.
- 4. The transfer of ownership of the veterans' home facility and related infrastructure from the private entity to this state on the payment of a nominal sum at the expiration of the lease.
- 5. The option for this state's purchase of the veterans' home facility and related infrastructure before the expiration of the lease.
- B. The state property and any improvements constructed by the private entity on the state property pursuant to subsection A of this section are exempt from taxation during construction by the private entity and subsequent occupancy by this state for a governmental activity.
- C. Any lease-to-own transaction under this section shall be reviewed by the joint committee on capital review before the transaction takes effect.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 6, 2004.

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